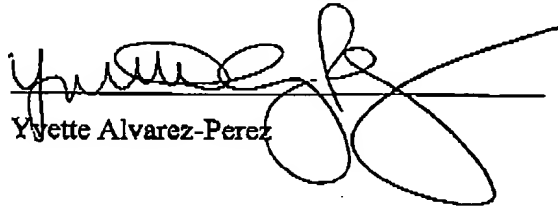


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Sir:

In response to an outstanding Official Action dated 07/01/2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application.

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